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Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 2
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New York, NY 10007-1866

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Freedom of Information Act Officer:

On behalf of CORALations and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request that a copy of the following documents relating to the EPA issued Construction General Permit (Effective 16 February 2012) ("Construction Permit") be made available to me by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2:

1. any and all notices of intent 's (NOI's), Annual Reports, SWPPPs, NOTs, and any documents submitted pursuant to any of the appendices to the Construction permit, or other documents submitted pursuant to, from 2012 to present, for the following construction activities:
 - a. all construction activities located within the area within one mile of the north facing coastline, extending east from the Capitol building of Puerto Rico, to Playa Escambrón in Puerta de Tierra, Old San Juan.
 - b. the erosion control/ drive shaft retaining wall project proposed by the Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority, (USCOE permit number # SAJ-2014-00784 (NW-GCR), and involving the private contractors Del Valle Group (Humberto E. Reynolds) of Puerto Rico.
 - c. Phase 3 and 4 of the Paseo Lineal Puerta de Tierra project, managed by Grace Santana, President, of Puerto Rico's Infrastructure Financing Authority, (AFI as it is known by its Spanish acronym.) Contractors for the project include Omega Engineering S.E., (Oscar Iván Rivera) and Desarrollos Metropolitanos (José Vizcarrondo Carrion).
 - d. 12 erosion control/terracing projects within one mile of the north facing coastline, extending east from the Capitol building of Puerto Rico, to Playa Escambrón in Puerta de Tierra, Old San Juan, currently undertaken by AFI and Desarrollo Metropolitanos.
2. Any documents that refer, pertain, or relate to the projects listed in 1.a through d above.

CORALations is an award winning, non-profit coral reef conservation organization founded in San Juan, Puerto Rico in 1995. In 2003, CORALations became a registered 501(c) 3 in the United States. The organization's mission includes public education. Documents released by this request will be made accessible at no cost to the general public and also directly shared with a local community interested in agency documentation specifically regarding EPA's permitting and oversight on construction activities in this area. Given that this release of documentation will contribute significantly to a local public understanding of operations and activities of government, I hereby also request a fee waiver for searching for, duplicating, and/or sending the above requested files, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii) which states that "documents shall be furnished without any charge or at a charge reduced below the fees established under clause (ii), if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of operations or activities of the government and is not primarily for commercial purposes."

We request that to the extent that the Region 2 can do so, CORALations be furnished with electronic copies of the above documents in lieu of paper copies to minimize the expense and burden of copying.

If all or part of the request is denied, please provide the name, address, and telephone number of the agency official responsible for the denial, and the official responsible for appeals of denial requests. Also, if portions of the requested records are exempt from release, we request that all reasonable, segregable, nonexempt portions of those records be released. We reserve our right to appeal the withholding or deletion of any information.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, please respond to this request within 20 business days. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "MA Lucking", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mary Ann Lucking
Director

c. Judith Enck
Jaime Lopez